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The actions of Microsoft Corporation and their agents demonstrate that they willingly and illegally leverage their influence to damage and even ruin competitors. This is bad not only for the consumer, but incredibly unfair to the people (and their families) that put forth an honest effort to bring something to the market place, believing that they would compete on a level playing field. Justice cannot be served to these individuals and companies. But to those who would place their efforts at risk in the future, they must believe that the fruits of their endeavors will not be wrestled away by a stronger entity.

In this society, we are dependent on the judicial process to punish such offenders, at least to the minimum degree, such that it is a real deterrent to like or repeat offenses.

It is my belief that the current settlement proposal cannot possibly accomplish this goal.

Sincerely,
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